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Brooking's double disappointment

WEST HAM'S Trevor Brooking — the man who kept England's World Cup hopes alive with two goals against Hungary — could never establish himself in the English Schools team.

"Although I played for them once I always considered myself as a fringe player," admits Trevor, who's classy midfield skills have helped 'Hammers' back into the First Division.

"I was just a member of a 16-man squad and my only appearance at school level came in 1964 against West Germany at Wembley.

"Earlier that season I'd sat on the bench and watched England schools play Scotland — and that was a double disappointment for me," said Trevor.

Left: England midfield star Trevor Brooking — he couldn't establish himself in the schools side.

"Not only was I disappointed at not making the team but I was also forced to miss the 1964 FA Cup Final which involved my favourite team West Ham and Preston.

"Hammers went on to win 3-2 and it's the only Final I've missed since I was old enough to remember.

"To this day I've never seen a recording of West Ham's first FA Cup win."

Trevor was switched to wing half from a striking role when he moved up to Ilford High School — and the move helped get him selected for Ilford Boys.

But his first game for them was as a right-back before he reverted to the midfield role.

He stayed in midfield all through the Ilford representative teams and impressed enough to be offered England trials and be selected for the under 15 schools squad.

ARE the schoolboy stars of today the international heroes of tomorrow?

Here Match Weekly talks to three stars who went on to full international honours after representing their country at school level.

But school success doesn't always mean a star studded career — just four of the current England squad — Trevor Brooking (West Ham), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Ray Wilkins (Man Utd) and Peter Barnes (WBA) made the international grade.

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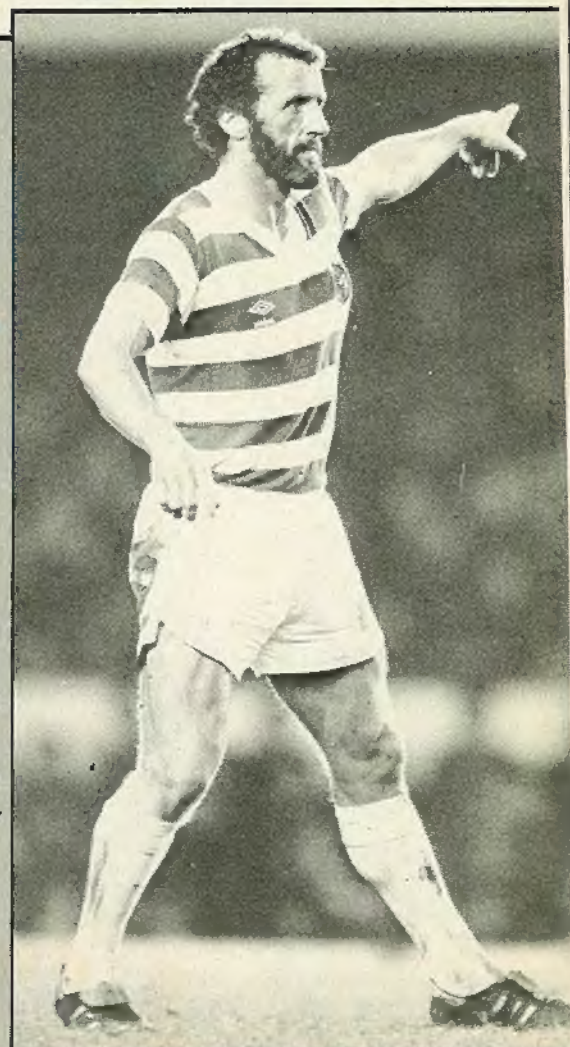
Murdered... and then carried off!

SCOTLAND skipper Danny McGrain had to be carried from the pitch after a 4-0 hammering in his first match for his country against arch rivals England.

But Danny, who led his team to a 1-0 win over England at Wembley in May, was just 16-years-old at the time and representing Scotland Schools at Ibrox Park.

"I'll never forget the game — England murdered us — they were far superior in

Right: Danny McGrain — his first game for Scotland against England ended with the Celtic star being carried off!



Sammy McIlroy — the second George Best

THE man who discovered the talent of George Best for Manchester United uncovered another gem in Sammy McIlroy.

Old Trafford scout Bob Bishop spotted the 14-year-old when he played for Northern Ireland Schools in 1968-69.

The young inside forward starred in a Northern Ireland team that finished runners-up in a junior Home International championship.

"We had quite a useful side so I suppose it was obvious that the scouts would watch us," said Sammy.

The highlight of the Belfast lad's four game spell in the Irish team was their 2-2 draw with England.

"Our two goals came from my corners so I've got special reasons to remember the game," said Sammy.

"England was always the big match so we

were very pleased to get a draw."

In fact, that year Northern Ireland were unlucky not to finish as champions — they let themselves down in the final game against Scotland when they lost 5-1 after taking the lead.

"One player I remember in the Scottish team was Derek Johnstone, who now plays for Rangers."

After his games for Northern Ireland, Bob Bishop took the youngster under his wing . . . and even bought him a pair of football boots!

"It was Bob who asked me to go to Old Trafford for a trial — I didn't think twice," added Sammy.

After his trial with Manchester United other clubs also came in for the young Irishman — including neighbours City — but United were always the side for the youngster who was hailed as the 'second George Best'.



Above: Man Utd's Sammy McIlroy was discovered by the same scout who spotted George Best's talent.

MORROW'S HEROES

technique.

"Our team seemed so small and puny compared to them. They were so big that many of us were scared stiff."

To complete a gloomy day for the youngster he had to be carried off the field with cramp at the end of the game.

"I managed to finish the match but as soon as the final whistle went I collapsed and had to be helped off the park," added Danny, who last season helped Celtic to their third Scottish championship in six years.

But his form in the international must have been impressive. For Celtic swooped in almost straight after the match to snap up his signature.

He played two games for Scotland schoolboys with his debut coming on a rugby pitch against Wales!

"I can't remember where we played but I do recall that we beat them 1-0 on a rugby field," added Danny.

Danny was spotted by the school selectors while he was playing for Glasgow schools.

In those days he was a striker and invariably finished the season as his school team's top scorer — even though he made his two junior international appearances on the left side of midfield.

His school — Kingsridge, Drumchapel, went on to earn a reputation for the footballers it produced.

Scottish international Andy Gray (Wolves) and under-21 star John MacDonald (Rangers) also went there.

United's Irish stars

MANCHESTER United have a reputation for developing Northern Ireland's football talent.

Current internationals Sammy McIlroy, Jimmy Nicholl and David McCreery (now in America) were all schoolboy internationals and started their careers at Old Trafford.

Other players who've made the full team after representing their country at school level include Noel Brotherston (Blackburn) and former Spurs and Man Utd winger Chris McGrath (now with Tulsa Roughnecks).

Scots who made the grade

LIVERPOOL pair Graeme Souness and Kenny Dalglish both progressed from the Scottish Schoolboys team to full international status.

Other Scots who have made the grade and played for their country include current skipper Danny McGrain (Celtic), John Robertson (Nottingham Forest), Frank and Eddie Gray (both Leeds), George Burley (Ipswich), Iain Munro (Stoke) and Andy Gray (Wolves).

Welsh wonderboys

IF YOU make the grade for the Welsh schoolboys there's a good chance you'll graduate to full international honours.

That's if their current World Cup squad is anything to go by. Just look at this list of current internationals who played for Wales Schools:

Kevin Racliffe (Everton), Terry Boyle, Ian Walsh (Crystal Palace), Leighton Phillips, Jeremy Charles, Leighton James, David Giles (all Swansea), Peter Nicholes (Arsenal), Brian Flynn, Carl Harris (Leeds), Terry Yorath (Vancouver Whitecaps), and Ian Rush (Liverpool).

NEXT WEEK

Match talks to England Schools manager Jim Morrow and some stars of the future.

Why I said 'No' to



MY heart said go to Goodison Park and join my boyhood heroes Everton when I went up for sale at Newcastle.

But my professional attitude spotted the potential of Ron Saunders' Aston Villa side and I realised that if I was to win any more honours in the game, the Birmingham side presented me with my best chance.

Everton manager Gordon Lee came in for me and I can remember having a lump in my throat as I drove to Goodison Park for an interview.

I looked round the ground and the memories flashed back as I stood in front of the spot where I used to watch Everton as a youngster.

It was a difficult decision to make, but after all the success I'd had with Forest I was hungry for more and I had to join the team with the best chance of providing me with what I wanted.

Unlike the time when I went up for sale at Nottingham there were plenty of bidders this time. I also had talks with Leeds and Sunderland.

But I liked what I saw at Villa Park. The club had excellent facilities and were geared up for success.

I think of myself as the final piece in Ron Saunders' jigsaw. He wanted a big striker to turn his team into championship challengers and I was that man.

The size of the fee — a record between the two clubs of £500,000 — didn't bother me either. I didn't set the fee and all I could do was go out and do my best.

Left: A proud moment as I pose for the photographers after collecting the 'Midland's Player of the Year' trophy.

FOUR DAYS I'LL NEVER FORGET

VILLA'S championship winning weekend began the most incredible four days of my life.

It was hectic and exciting from the Friday before we clinched the championship and culminated in an England call-up three days later.

Here's how my never-to-be forgotten weekend unfolded:

● Friday: The Villa Supporters club honoured me by voting me as their 'Player of the Year'.

● Saturday: The climax to a great season. I won my second championship medal as Villa took the title for the first time in 71 years.

● Sunday: We rode through the centre of Birmingham in an open-topped bus for a civic

reception. I'll never forget the tremendous reception we got from the fans.

On Sunday evening I was voted 'Midlands Player of the Year'.

● Monday: I was called up to join the England squad in preparation for the friendly against Brazil at Wembley.

The season ended on a highnote for us all, but it was all due to the hard work and effort we put into our game the nine months before.

Many people have knocked our success and claimed Ipswich to be the team of the season, but the championship is fought over 42 games and we deserved to come out on top because

we collected the most points.

And I believe we won the title in style because we attacked both home and away and provided very entertaining football.

Ron Saunders built up a team that combined skill, determination and teamwork. It was because we worked as a team that we did so well.

We've got everything to look forward to next season . . . and I'll be in Europe for the first time.

I'm really looking forward to the challenge of playing in the European Cup. I missed out with Nottingham Forest, but I'll be there next term.



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my Everton heroes

The PETER WITHE Story

Take that! I just manage to get in a shot on goal despite the challenge of Alex McLeish during England's game against Scotland at Wembley in the Home Internationals. My call up to the England squad was the culmination of the most incredible four days of my life.



Aston Villa's England striker continues his own fascinating story — only in Match Weekly.



Right: Here I am (far right) enjoying the bus ride through the centre of Birmingham after our championship success. Allan Evans has the trophy while skipper Dennis Mortimer snaps away with his camera.

My best Villa goal

I NOTCHED up a personal best of 20 League goals last season . . . but my favourite Villa goal didn't help us to the title.

It came in a friendly against West German side Bochum and was set up by skipper Dennis Mortimer.

I was 25 yards out when he played the ball to me so I dragged my left foot, took it away from the defenders and hit it as hard as I could.

Their goalkeeper never moved — I don't think he saw it until it was in the back of the net.

Among the other goals that gave me pleasure last season was one against my former club, Wolves' at Molineux when we won 1-0. I also scored against Nottingham Forest in our 2-0 victory.

Our goals were well spread through the team, but one player to really hit the headlines was England Under-21 striker Gary Shaw.

He's the latest in a long line of forwards I've partnered and I rate the youngster very highly indeed.

He's got a very bright future ahead of him.

FIFA 'No' to S. Africa tour

NOTTINGHAM Forest defender David Needham (left), Norwich striker Joe Royle and former Leicester forward Alan Birchenall are pictured below during a coaching session for youngsters in the Black Township of Soweto in South Africa.

The players were members of a 14-man party who were intended to play four exhibition matches in South Africa.

However, there was a World Cup scare and the players had to

flee the country.

Their tour was called off by the non-racial Football Council of South Africa after warnings from the players' clubs and FIFA that the World Cup prospects of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland would be jeopardised.

Other players on the tour included Sammy Nelson and Willie Young (Arsenal), Jim Platt (Middlesbrough) and Mick McGuire (Norwich).



Doc's back with a

'MANAGERS MUST BE CRACKERS TO SPEND

TOMMY Docherty, back in English football as manager of Third Division Preston, has wasted no time in taking a swipe at his fellow managers for wasting money.

"They must be crackers for spending a million pounds on a player... in fact some of them are crackers because not one player in Britain at this time is worth a million pounds," says the former Manchester United boss on his return from a season's

coaching in Australia.

"You can buy a team in other countries for a million pounds. In fact, before I came over here from Australia I thought one of the qualifications a manager must have to get a top job over here is to be a complete flop.

"Let's face it, people who've been fired for being a failure are walking into top jobs elsewhere.

"I hope I can get Preston back to the top, back into the First Division, without spending

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Walters



Above: Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy and young fan Jane Osman get a helping push from Kevin Keegan and Brendan Foster.

Superkids

THE search for Britain's first 'Superkid' — headed by Match Weekly columnist Kevin Keegan — has ended at Gosforth East Middle School in Newcastle.

Pupil Joanne Hogg has won the nationwide competition, involving around 50,000 children and sponsored by Nabisco, the makers of Shredded Wheat.

Joanne won the first prize of a minibus for her school after emerging as winner in the Superkids Final at Gateshead.

The finalists emerged from eight regional heats, although school competitions had already taken place.

The idea, for 11 to 13 year olds, was created by Kevin Keegan, his Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy and international athlete Brendan Foster.

The emphasis is on enjoyment, with the competition consisting of ten tests — sprinting, cycling, football (boys), hockey (girls), balance, basketball (boys), netball (girls), agility, aim and swimming.

"It is a fun-to-do thing that all kids can take part in. It is not the winning that is all important, but the taking part," said Kevin.

"The enthusiasm of those competing and watching has been fantastic. And the nice thing is that boys and girls found a talent for something they didn't realise they had."

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Reds, hot favourites

DESPITE finishing fifth last season, Liverpool are 11-4 favourites to win the First Division title next season.

Runners-up Ipswich are quoted at 5-1 with champions Aston Villa third favourites at 13-2.

Queen's Park Rangers are favourites to land the Second Division title at 5-1.

Match-winners

SUPER 'Linda Match' footballs have been won by five lucky readers in our June 6 Soccer Crossword competition.

The lucky winners are: Steve Hatchett, of Merriott, Somerset; David Proudfoot, Newby West, Carlisle; David Humphries, Merry Hill, Wolverhampton; Martin Webb, Medway Road, London E3; Andrew Purlow, 12 Shrawley Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester.

The answers were: ACROSS: 1 Forest; 4 Half; 9 Nine one; 10 Rovers; 11 Nail; 12 East; 13 Kerr; 14 County; 17 Ground; 18 Grey; 20 Dino; 21 Toss; 24 Daines; 25 Gemmill; 26 Nets; 27 Archie. DOWN: 1 Fans; 2 Range; 3 Scotland; 5 Aberdeen; 6 Foster; 7 Jeremy; 8 Grass; 15 One point; 16 Mortimer; 17 George; 18 Gordon; 19 First; 22 Smith; 23 Blue.

THE WINNERS of Crossword No. 63 which appeared in our June 20 issue are: Andrew Dagless, Godmanchester, Hunts; Paul Chapman, Lowestoft, Norfolk; Jason Miller, Hull; Andrew Eccles, Longsight, Manchester; Steven Morgan, Rainham, Essex. Each of the above receives a super leather football.

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millions of pounds on players. If we do get there I can promise the fans we'll do it with style and charisma.

"I once said I've been through more clubs than Jack Nicklaus, but I had ten happy years at Preston as a player and I hope I can have ten happy years here as a manager.

"I turned down the job at Crystal Palace to come here . . . and I'm hoping this will be my last club. I started here, and I'd like to finish here."

Moncur's post

FORMER Sunderland and Newcastle defender Bobby Moncur has returned from his native Scotland to manage Third Division Plymouth.

Bobby, former manager of Carlisle, resigned as boss of Scottish club Hearts who have just been relegated to Division One.

"I'm confident I can build on the progress made last season," says Bobby, who takes over from Bobby Saxton, the new manager of Second Division Blackburn.

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HAUNTED by League Cup defeat

LES Sealey, Coventry's England under-21 goalkeeper, had no hesitation in signing a new two-year contract.

"In this day and age you are lucky to be in employment and I don't think a lot of players appreciate that fact," he says.

"I'm paid well for doing something I enjoy so I'm quite happy about signing a new contract.

"If another club had shown any interest then that would have been a different matter, but it would have to be a big club to lure me away from Coventry.

"I'm very happy here. It's a good club and I'm hoping that during the next two years I can help them win a major trophy.

"We got close to our first ever final last season. That League Cup semi-final defeat by West Ham haunted the side for several weeks afterwards and we had to fight a relegation battle.

"I'm hoping that the experience gained by the youngsters during that cup run and in the final weeks of the season will stand us in good stead this season."

But as Les pointed out, his first task will be to convince new manager Dave Sexton that he is the number one goalkeeper at Highfield Road.

"Jim Blyth is still with me at Coventry and he could so easily replace me next season — just as I took over from him last year.

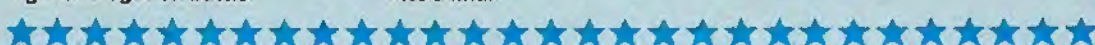
"With a new manager taking over nothing can be taken for granted.

"I have met Dave Sexton during England under-21 training sessions but one can't really get a true assessment in such a short time.

"I just hope that he can guide us to the success the club deserves. It would be nice to go one better next season and get into a final."



Les Sealey — out to convince Dave Sexton he is Coventry's top 'keeper.



My goal could cost me my career

says Hammers' sad veteran
PAT HOLLAND

AS WEST Ham prepare to burst through the gates of the First Division, one of their unsung heroes, Pat Holland, continues his grim battle to save his career.

The long-serving midfielder player, out of action with a knee injury since the middle of January, doesn't expect to kick a ball in anger this side of Christmas . . . if at all.

"The specialist is confident I'll play again, but I'm not so sure," says Pat, who tragically missed West Ham's last two cup finals through injury.

"I'm very worried about the knee. I've been training through the summer and it's not making the progress I would have hoped.

"I've had a knee problem for about ten years and this was aggravated when I broke a leg in 1976.

"As things stand at the moment, I'll be more than happy if I am playing competitive football again by Christmas."

Pat was injured when scoring



West Ham's goal in the 1-1 draw at Notts County on January 17.

"That may prove a costly goal," says Pat. "I knew it was serious at the time but I didn't think it would turn out to be such a nightmare.

"I've had a terrible two years, what with missing the FA Cup Final win over Arsenal last year after being injured in the semi-final against Everton, and then the League Cup Final with Liverpool after playing right up to the semi-finals.

"I reckon it's cost me around £8,000 in perks through missing the finals."

Now Pat has to resign himself to a stand seat as West Ham bid to make a dramatic return to Division One.

"I'm a terrible watcher. Because I'm not playing I always want the lads to lose. It's a standing joke when I go in the dressing room to wish them all the best, for they know I don't really mean it. I'd be better off staying away from the games," explains Pat.

But he believes the Second Division champions could do well this season.

"On the evidence of last season's matches against First Division teams I'm sure we will hold our own.

"If the manager can get a couple more players to strengthen the squad then I feel we could do very well."

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GARY OWEN

**West Brom
and England**

DAVID O'LEARY

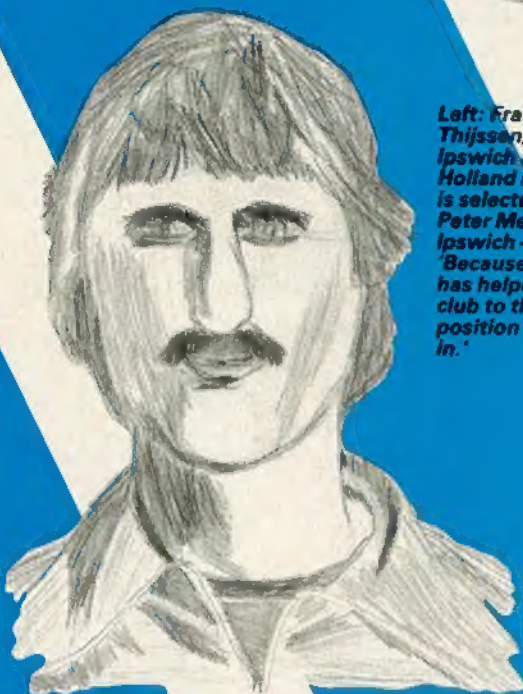
**Arsenal
and Eire**

FULL NAME: David Anthony O'Leary.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: London, May 2, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 2ins/13st 5lbs.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: BMW 525.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Spider'.
WORST EVERY INJURY: Broken arm.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Too many to mention.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAMS: Manchester United and Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer because he is class.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Jennings, McGrain, McFarland, Moore, Sansom, Giles, Charlton, Brady, Best, Greaves, Keegan.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Jennings, Alberto, Beckenbauer, Krol, Breitner, Giles, Charlton, Brady, Best, Pele, Cruyff.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: White Hart Lane.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Parc De Prince, Paris.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For me, any goal!
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: There have been too many.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Too many good players around.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Manchester United in the 1979 FA Cup Final.
OWN MAGIC MOMENTS IN FOOTBALL: Playing in FA Cup, European Cup Winners' Cup Finals and for Eire.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing two FA Cup Finals and the Cup Winners' Cup Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Being happy, watching television and going out for a meal.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Flash and selfish people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: There are too many.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Neil Diamond, Abba, Billy Joel and Stevie Wonder.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything nice.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTORS: Peter Sellers, Clint Eastwood, Steve McQueen.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Kramer v Kramer.
BEST FRIEND: I think I have a few.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Arsenal FC.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Playing badly.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Scrambled egg on toast and tea.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Schoolboy, youth and full caps for Eire.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To have a beautiful house in the country with a wife and children.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To try and win as much in the game as possible and be regarded as the best centre half in the world.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I don't know at the moment.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Pope.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Always try to improve and listen to good advice.

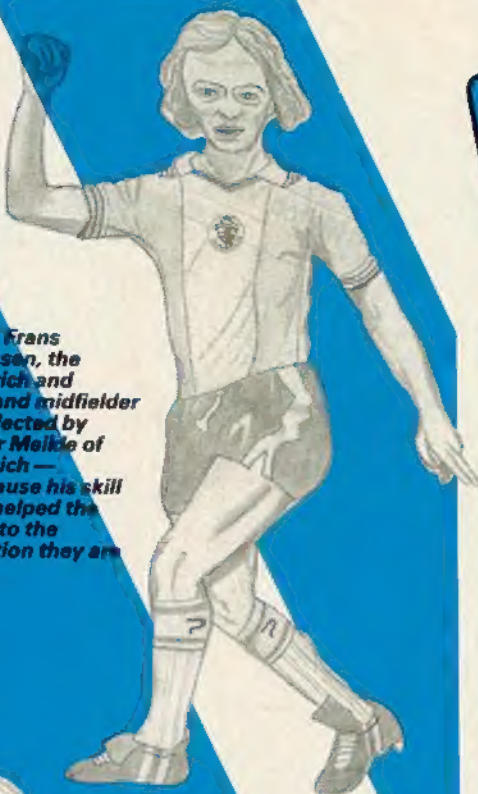
David O'Leary



Right: 'Charlie George is a great, unselfish player who creates space for others and has given a new lease of life to Keegan and Channon at Southampton,' says Steven Leather (12) of Mirfield, West Yorks.



Left: Frans Thijssen, the Ipswich and Holland midfielder is selected by Peter Meikle of Ipswich — 'Because his skill has helped the club to the position they are in.'



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Right: European Cup match-winner Alan Kennedy, as drawn by Simon Roberts (13) of Prestatyn, North Wales. 'I admire his defensive play for Liverpool,' says Simon.



Left: Steven Bradshaw (13) of Radcliffe, nominates Lou Macari of Manchester United — 'Because for such a small man he has excellent jumping and heading ability'

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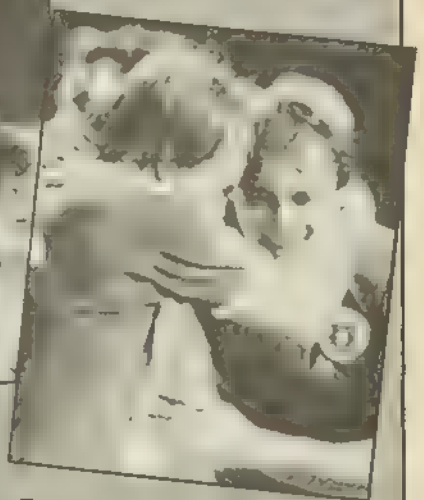
1. A 'keeper may do this to the ball (6)
4. The nickname of Peterborough United (4)
9. 'Shuttle Birtles' (anagram) — and make him a Watford striker (6,8)
10. Mick Docherty had to give up playing because of an injured one (4)
11. The last part of 17 across will show you a manager called Jim (4)
12. & 14. Former Spurs and Derby forward who became manager of Scunthorpe in June (4,6)
17. Full-back who joined Everton from Blackburn (6)
18. Illegally bring down an opponent (4)
20. The controlling body of world soccer (1,1,1,1)
21. Cup matches (4)
25. Famous London ground where John Neal recently became manager (8,6)
26. West Ham's Geoff sounds like a fish... (4)
27. ... with somewhere to swim provided by Grimsby's Joe! (6)

Below: Andy Gray



A STEREO SET

plus 10 prints of ANDY GRAY



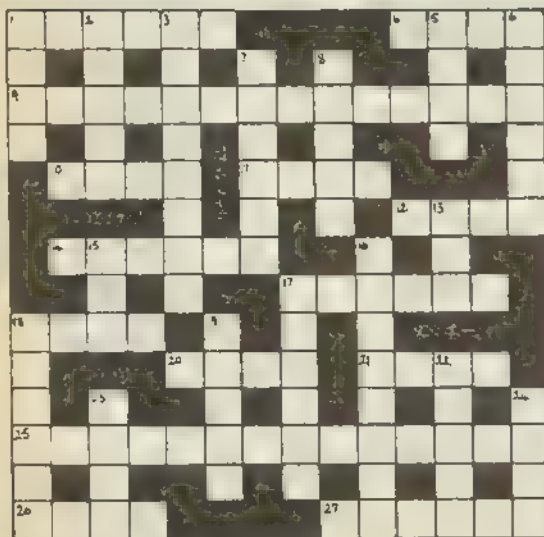
Down

1. — McGarry has managed many clubs (4)
2. & 23. down. Where West Ham are at home (5,4)
3. He played in all three of Liverpool's European Cup-winning line-ups (8)
5. Fans get annoyed when someone in their team misses an — goal (4)
6. 'That? No!' (anagram) — Sheffield United's top scorer last season (6)
7. Defender Ray — helped Notts County win promotion (6)
8. David — (Swansea & Wales) (5)
13. The number worn by 3 down (3)
15. West German star — Stielike played for Real Madrid against Liverpool in the European Cup Final (3)
16. English Queen commemorated in the name of Stoke City's ground (8)
17. Two of soccer's most famous ones can be seen on Jimmy Hill and Ricky Villa (6)
18. The referee has to do this to decide the choice of ends (4,2)
19. — Stainrod joined QPR from Oldham (5)
22. One of the Gray brothers with Leeds United (5)
24. & 23. Dundee's ground (4,4)



Take a closer look

- 1 Who is the Scots defender challenging Forest 'keeper Peter Shilton?
- 2 Name the 'No. 9' in this heading duel with Everton's Mick Lyons.
- 3 Name the player facing the camera celebrating with his Merseyside team mates.



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QUIZ

- Who scored Scotland's winning goal against England at Wembley in May?
- Who scored England's goal in the 2-1 World Cup defeat in Switzerland?
- Which Celtic player scored in Scotland's 3-1 World Cup defeat of Israel at Hampden Park?
- Which defender has just moved across London from Queen's Park Rangers to Crystal Palace?
- Which former Wolves striker has won a manager's position in the First Division?
- Who scored England's penalty goal in the 3-1 World Cup victory over Hungary?
- Who is the new manager of Stoke City?
- Which former England player has just joined a Fourth Division club as player-manager?
- Which promoted club does Worcestershire cricketer Phil Neale play for?
- How many goals did Ipswich Town's John Wark score in Europe last season. Was it 13, 14 or 15?

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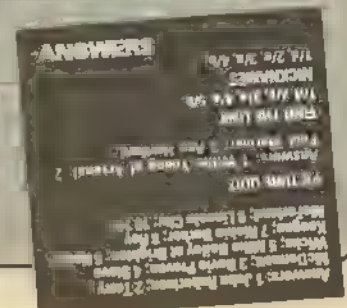
Can you match up these five crack European teams with their native countries?

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| 1 Trabzonspor | a) Malta |
| 2 Ferencvaros | b) Belgium |
| 3 Hibernian | c) Hungary |
| 4 Real Sociedad | d) Turkey |
| 5 Anderlecht | e) Spain |

NICKNAMES

Can you join up the club with its nickname from the following teams

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| 1) The Robins | a) Rangers |
| 2) The Toffeemen | b) Grimsby |
| 3) The Gers | c) Everton |
| 4) The Mariners | d) Swindon |





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*'Kids must take penalty
credit' says Albion's
TONY GODDEN*

SOCCER school pupils deserve much of the credit for Tony Godden's amazing penalty saving success in the First Division.

The ever present Albion star, who coaches with the Sandfield Sports soccer course during the summer breaks at Aston University in Birmingham, revealed: "I've faced hundreds of penalties from kids on the courses during the past three years and thanks to them I've had a good saving record for Albion — beaten only once since last August in six attempts."

Though goalkeeping is his speciality at Sandfield, Tony helps with other skills, too, during the five-day-a-week sessions which attract groups aged 10-16 plus from as far afield

as Germany, Holland, France, Italy and America.

But not all the visitors stay at the excellent Sandwell YMCA and sports complex. Some prefer to stay with local families and this year a 'bussing' scheme to transport pupils daily from local towns has been introduced, including a £5 voucher to be spent at either the Villa or Albion souvenir shop.

"I thoroughly enjoy my involvement with the kids and I'm sure they do. I try to teach them good habits but I don't



Tony Godden... summertime coach for Sandfield.

attempt to stifle their skills.

"The foreign lads can show our boys a thing or two about ball tricks, but in return they need the team discipline we can provide.

"It's fascinating to watch them progress, especially those on the two week courses, and we will be recommending some to league clubs," said Tony.

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Points for a WIN

PHIL NEAL (Liverpool and England)

"THREE points for a win? . . . Oh, yes, I'd forgotten about that with still six weeks to go before we start. Should be very interesting

"There'll be a lot of close attention to the tables early on but I'm bound to say it's unlikely to make much difference to Liverpool.

"We don't need the extra incentive to win matches!

"But, it could certainly make a

Left: Phil Neal of European champions Liverpool and England — "We don't need any extra incentive to win matches at Liverpool!"

difference to how the likes of Stoke and Leeds approach their matches. They are known for keeping it tight as draw specialists but this new system could bring them out and that should be good for the game and the fans

"I expect the points will also prove significant towards the end of the season, too and instead of teams, settling for a point when they are hit by injuries, instead they'll have to gamble on attack for a point for promotion or to stay up.

"I'm looking forward to seeing how it works."

STAR VIEWS

Next season the Football League introduce a new 'Three points for a win' system. We asked stars for their views.

ARTHUR ALBISTON

(Manchester United)

"I'M not sure awarding three points for a win is the answer

"The idea is to get away teams coming out and attacking the home side, but with three points at stake both the home side and the away side are going to want to hold on if they go a goal up.

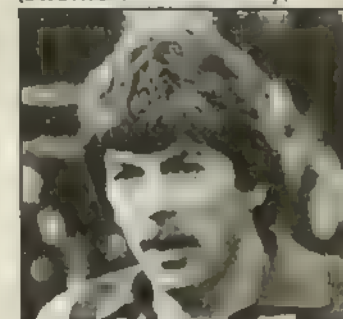
"I think we have to try new ideas but I don't think the game is as bad as some of the critics would have us believe

"Gates have gone down, but I think it's chiefly due to the fact people can't afford to watch so much football."

DO YOU agree with the stars about the new three points for a win system? Send your views to: Terrace Talk, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

IAN MELLOR

(Sheffield Wednesday)



"I CAN'T see the new system making much difference at all.

"It just means that teams who are ahead will be even more determined to keep their lead knowing that there is an extra point at stake.

"I would have preferred a points for goals scheme where a side got extra points for scoring over three goals in a match — that would have encouraged teams to go forward."

COLIN LEE

(Chelsea)

"I THINK it's quite a good idea because it should make managers more attack minded . . . especially if they need the points

"It will probably have the greatest effect towards the end of the season when points become vital

"It's going to be very important for the home sides to win matches

"Generally speaking I don't think we have anything to lose by giving it a try — I'm all for trying to win back some of the missing fans"



BILLY ASHCROFT

(Middlesbrough)

"ENTERTAINING football should soar next season with the new points system.

"Something needed to be done and I think the three points for a win will help bring back the fans.

"I'm looking forward to the experiment. Teams will have to change their style of play because it will be no use them going for a draw when there's three points up for grabs if you will

"Anything that promotes entertaining football has got to be good for the game."



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TOP



TERRY Curran, the dashing and colourful Sheffield Wednesday striker, was Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Season' in the Second Division.

His average mark of 7.56 put him clear of England pair Alan Devonshire and Trevor Brooking, the midfield inspirations behind West Ham's runaway championship success.

The player ratings were taken from our exclusive Match Facts guide and to qualify for inclusion in the four categories — goalkeepers, defenders, midfield and strikers — each player had to make at least 35 League and cup appearances.

Terry, Wednesday's second top scorer last season with 11 goals and a former 'Matchman of the Month', has really unveiled his true potential at Hillsborough after unspectacular spells with Doncaster, Nottingham Forest, Derby and Southampton.

Two black players, Orient's John Chiedozie and Luton's Brian Stein, finished behind Terry in the strikers' section.

West Ham skipper Billy Bonds also appeared in the top ten, but had to settle for second place in the defenders' table behind Blackburn centre half Glenn Keeley.

Phil Parkes of West Ham also had to be content with second spot in the goalkeepers' section, being pipped by Preston's Roy Tunks.

Despite Preston's relegation to the Third Division, Roy maintained his consistency through the campaign to finish with an average mark of 7.00.

Alan Devonshire and Trevor Brooking dominated the midfield players' section with another London-based man, Queen's Park Rangers' Tony Currie, in third spot.

Above: Top defender Glenn Keeley of Blackburn Rovers (left) in action against West Ham's David Cross.

GOALKEEPERS

Player	Average
1 Roy Tunks (Preston)	7.00
2 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	6.96
3 Jake Findlay (Luton)	6.93
4 Nigel Batch (Grimsby)	6.90
5 Bob Wardle (Shrewsbury)	6.89
6 Bob Bolder (Sheff. Wed.)	6.88
7 Raddy Avramovic (Notts Co.)	6.73
8 Dan Davies (Wrexham)	6.72
9 Kevin Carr (Newcastle)	6.62
10 Petar Borota (Chelsea)	6.61

DEFENDERS

Player	Average
1 Glenn Keeley (Blackburn)	7.14
2 Billy Bonds (West Ham)	7.09
3 Mike Baxter (Preston)	7.04
4 Steve Wicks (QPR)	7.00
5 Alvin Martin (West Ham)	6.85
6 Clive Wigginton (Grimsby)	6.80
7 Paul Fletcher (Oldham)	6.79
8 Brian Kilcline (Notts County)	6.76
9 Stuart Boam (Newcastle)	6.72
10 Pedro Richards (Notts County)	6.70



RATE. TERRY!

Match Weekly
ratings make
Terry Curran
'Matchman of the
Season' in the
Second Division

TOP TEN

	Points	Games	Average
1 Terry Curran (Sheff. Wed.)	310	41	7.56
2 Alan Devonshire (West Ham)	407	54	7.53
3 Trevor Brooking (West Ham)	357	48	7.43
4 Tony Currie (QPR)	254	35	7.25
5 Steve Spriggs (Cambridge)	329	46	7.15
5 John Chiedozie (Orient)	279	39	7.15
7 Glenn Keeley (Blackburn)	343	48	7.14
8 Don Masson (Notts County)	313	44	7.11
9 Brian Stein (Luton)	327	46	7.10
10 Billy Bonds (West Ham)	390	55	7.09
10 Joe Waters (Grimsby)	312	44	7.09

Left: Luton's
Brian Stein —
third in the
race for top
striker behind
Orient's John
Chiedozie and
Sheffield
Wednesday's
Terry Curran.

Right: West
Ham
midfielder
Alan
Devonshire —
top midfielder
last season
with his team
mate Trevor
Brooking in
second spot.



Above: Second Division 'Matchman of the Season' Terry Curran in full flight — seen here challenged by Blackburn's Noel Brotherston.

MIDFIELD

Player	Average
1 Alan Devonshire (West Ham)	7.53
2 Trevor Brooking (West Ham)	7.43
3 Tony Currie (QPR)	7.25
4 Steve Spriggs (Cambridge)	7.15
5 Don Masson (Notts County)	7.12
6 Joe Waters (Grimsby)	7.09
7 Ray Train (Watford)	7.05
8 Ricky Hill (Luton)	7.04
9 Steve Fox (Wrexham)	7.02
10 Howard Kendall (Blackburn)	6.95

STRIKERS

Player	Average
1 Terry Curran (Sheff. Wed.)	7.56
2 John Chiedozie (Orient)	7.15
3 Brian Stein (Luton)	7.10
4 Noel Brotherston (Blackburn)	7.02
5 Luther Blissett (Watford)	6.98
6 Malcolm Poole (Watford)	6.94
6 Alex Bruce (Preston)	6.94
8 Paul Goddard (West Ham)	6.92
9 Leighton James (Swansea)	6.88
10 Andy McCulloch (Sheff. Wed.)	6.88



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TONY TOWNER

FULL NAME: Antony James Towner.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Brighton, May 21, 1955.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7ins/10st 5lbs

MARRIED: Yes, to Wendy

CHILDREN: Adam and Lucy

CAR: Vauxhall Chevette

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Brighton and Millwall

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Tiger'

WORST EVERY INJURY: Pelvis injury

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: George Best when playing and Kenny Dalglish who has so much skill.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Cruyff —

great at everything he tries

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, Reaney, Cooper,

Moore, Watson, Ball, Giles, Bremner, Greaves, Law, Best.

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup

winning team of Felix, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo,

Clodoaldo, Gerson, Jairzinho, Toastao, Pele, Rivellino

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Hillsborough.

BEST GOAL SCORED: For Millwall against Swindon — a left

foot drive from outside the penalty area.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Jimmy Greaves' goal against

Newcastle

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for Brighton in 2-0

win over Luton

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing in the above

match.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Missing promotion from the

Second Division with Brighton on goal average in 1977-78.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, cricket and swimming.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Watching a good

film and eating out.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Boring people

and hangers on.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Porridge.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:

Crossroads and Party Political Broadcasts.

FAVOURITE READING: Sports magazines.

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Neil

Diamond

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager or coke.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Jamaica

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint

Eastwood and Susan George

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Jaws and

Towering Inferno.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Former

Brighton manager Pat Saward.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:

Injuries and travelling.

SUPERSTITIONS: I'm always last on to the

pitch.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Beans on toast.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To play in the First

Division.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To carry on

winning honours

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To have my own

business

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET

Clint Eastwood.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Train hard and

listen to good advice.

Tony Towner

Focus on
striking star
of champions
Rotherham
United



John 'Dixie' Deehan (left), in action against Liverpool's Sammy Lee, on one of his few first team outings last season.

Don't / **DEEHAN'S PLEA TO ALBION'S NEW BOSS** forget **Dixie!**



WEST Brom's John Deehan, one of the First Division's forgotten strikers, aims to force himself back into the limelight next season.

Since his £400,000 transfer from Aston Villa two seasons ago, John — popularly known as 'Dixie' at the Hawthorns — has spent much of the time in the wilderness of reserve team football.

Last season he managed only 11 first team appearances in a variety of positions, ranging from emergency defender to midfield.

But John wants to convince the new Albion manager that

Left: West Brom's Ally Brown — his form alongside Cyrille Regis kept John Deehan on the sidelines for most of last season

he's one of the men to spearhead their European campaign as a striker.

"Ron Atkinson always had a fancy for Ally Brown and Cyrille Regis as the front men.

"He likes pacey players and they scored 33 goals between them the season before I signed.

"But now Ron has moved on to Manchester United, it's now up to me to show the new manager that I am the man for the job.

"And I'm confident I can produce the goods for Albion. I have never lost my confidence despite being in the reserves for most of last season.

"I want to concentrate on a striking role. I played some matches in midfield last season, but with our midfield of Gary Owen, Remi Moses and Bryan Robson, I've got little chance of

establishing a place there."

Although disappointed that he didn't get an extended run last season, John remains content with life at 'The Hawthorns'.

"I don't think I did too badly last season. Others have been given a longer run and not produced as much," he says.

"I just have to write last season off and start again. I don't know what is in store for me, but I have two seasons of my contract still to run and I don't want to move.

"I want to stay and try and help the club win something. We have been very close to success over the past two or three seasons, and I think the club deserves to win a major honour.

"I hope they achieve it next season with me in the side."

Give me a chance!

WOLVES striker Norman Bell is confident he'll score goals in the First Division . . . if he gets a chance.

After nine years at Molineux, the 25-year-old striker, whose three vital FA Cup goals last season enabled Wolves to reach the semi-finals, is still waiting to command a regular place.

Norman, whose progress has been checked by two broken legs, was affectionately dubbed 'super sub' by the fans following his goal blast against Wrexham and Middlesbrough and he fully expects to start the new season on the subs' bench.

It's not a situation he relishes by any means, but he has to accept at the moment that he will be playing second fiddle once again to skipper John Richards and his £1 million striking partner Andy Gray.

But Norman's patience is fast running out: "There's not a lot I can do at the moment until manager John Barnwell makes up his mind about my future.

"If he decides to keep me here then I am prepared to stay and battle for a place, but I don't fancy another season in the reserves.

"The manager regarded me as an important member of the squad, particularly in view of the fact that Andy Gray, like myself, tends to be a bit injury prone.

"And although I have never asked for a move, at this stage of my career I want regular first team football and I'm confident I would score goals in the First Division given the chance."

Norman popped in three goals during an 11-game spell in the side just before Christmas when Andy Gray was injured.

"But once Andy was fit I was back in the reserves and things turned rather sour for me.

"The manager kept making me substitute in a bid to try and keep me happy I suppose he felt I was rather hard done by.

"Since Andy arrived from Aston Villa two years ago I've faced an uphill task in my bid to earn a regular place in the side and I know that the

... and I'll score goals in the First Division says **NORMAN BELL** (Wolves)

manager's choice next season will be John and Andy.

"If that remains the situation then quite honestly I would be better off at another club. Being out of the first team is no good to me.

"In recent years I have had a stop-start existence. Every six months I get a bit of a lift and then I'm knocked down again."

So the first few weeks of the new season could decide the course which Norman Bell's career will follow.

"It's too early to say what will happen, but I just hope that before too long I will have the chance of first team football, either with Wolves or with someone else."

Right: Norman Bell: "Every six months I get a bit of a lift and then I am knocked down again."

Left: Andy Gray — his arrival at Wolves signalled the start of an uphill struggle for Norman Bell.



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QUEEN'S Park Rangers' new artificial pitch may work against them next season.

That's the surprise view of their former England midfield star Tony Currie whose vast array of skill is expected to be illuminated on the £350,000 'Omniturf' surface.

He feels the less skilful players will be made to look better than they are on the smooth pitch, and so Rangers won't get the kind of advantage people are suggesting.

"People are saying that the skilful players will come into their own on this pitch, but I'm not so sure," says Tony, whose conclusions are drawn from a ninety minute practice session.

"The surface is so smooth and fast that the less skilful players are going to find it easier to control and pass the ball.

"There's no mud or uneven bounces to worry about and so the skilful players, who can operate in any conditions, won't get any real advantage.

"Visiting teams should soon adapt to the conditions and may even play better because of the quality surface. So I don't think there will be any real advantage to Rangers."

It was Tony's first experience of this kind of surface.

"I have never played on Astroturf so I can't draw up any comparisons. It's quite a hard surface and I should imagine that in match conditions it will be hard on the ankles when twisting and turning."

Despite his reservations about the skill factors involved, Tony believes Rangers' innovation will benefit football.

"I think such a surface will bring about more goals and excitement which can only be a god thing for the game and the fans.

"There is the likelihood of more goals because with the surface being so smooth, players won't be afraid to have a try from all angles and distances because the ball will really fly.

QPR's magic carpet!

'BUT ALL-WEATHER PITCH WON'T HELP US'
says Tony Currie

"I hope that more clubs follow the lead set by Rangers in laying this new pitch and trying to turn their stadium into an all-seater. These things can only be good for the game."

The goalkeeping view of the new surface comes from Chelsea's Yugoslavian star Petar Borota.

He has tested the surface and backs Tony's feelings about the chance of more goals.

"The pitch is very fast and I'm sure it will produce bigger scores," he says.

"That's bad news for us goalkeepers, but good for the fans — and they pay our wages.

"The surface is very hard and goalkeepers will need tracksuit trousers to avoid grazes.

"But all in all I'm looking forward to playing on it next season."

Right: Tony Currie — believes Q.P.R.'s new surface will lead to more goals at Loftus Road. Those training shoes will be familiar footwear next season.



QPR's youth team put the new surface through its paces.

**GLENN
HODDLE**

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MATCH throws a pictorial spotlight on the England and Spurs midfield star's season - including a special action replay of one of his greatest goals. And Glenn himself reveals why he was in danger of being dropped on the eve of one of his best performances!

SENT

But Palace game was

BEFORE the start of last season I said in Match Weekly that it would be my biggest test as far as stamina and appetite for the game was concerned.

I was delighted to be part of the England squad which travelled to Italy for the European Championship Finals last summer, but it meant I only had about a two week break before the new season started.

When I returned for pre-season training with Spurs it was as if I had never been away.

And I must admit I did wonder whether tiredness would creep in last season.

Certainly I wasn't happy with my form during the first ten matches. Undoubtedly I was feeling tired.

And when you go through a bad patch it does tend to get you down a bit.

In fact it got to the stage where Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw talked about leaving me out of the side for a couple of weeks to see if it would do me good.

But our little chat together

Take that! Hoddle unleashes a shot for England against Spain at Wembley.



Just like that... the Glenn Hoddle impersonation of Tommy Cooper!



Steve Perryman receives the 100th F.A. Cup from HRH The Princess Michael of Kent. Glenn, just behind hasn't noticed, in the excitement that Prince Michael of Kent is ready to shake his hand!

OFF!

my best of the season

seemed to do the trick.

I think the thought of being rested spurred me on and in our next match I put on what was probably my best performance of the season.

It was our replay against Crystal Palace in the third round of the League Cup which we won 3-1 after extra time.

Spurs fans will probably remember that I was sent off for the first time in my career during the game, but that apart it was a great performance by the lads.

After that I seemed to get a second wind and I felt O.K.

Looking back it was probably a good piece of management on Keith Burkinshaw's part that got me back on the right road.

I don't envisage the same kind of problems next September, even though I played about 60 matches during last season, because I'll have had a good five week break.

I'll be fully refreshed for the beginning of the season after my holiday in America. I always enjoy a break but it'll be good to get back to playing again.

Instinct took over

Glenn Hoddle (England) v Spain, Friendly International, Wembley, Wednesday, March 25, 1981.

ONLY a friendly? Listening to the Wembley roar that greeted Glenn Hoddle's equalising goal for England in London that night you'd have thought it was a World Cup Final.

And it was a goal that would have graced any final as Glenn let go with one of his long range specials. . . .

Spanish striker Struvsstruvsstruvs had put his team 1-0 ahead after just four minutes to the disappointment of the 72,000 fans packing the stadium.

They needed cheering up and Glenn had the perfect solution.

He told Match: "I remember their big defender Maceda

heading the ball out. I made up the ground and hit it first time. Instinct just took over.

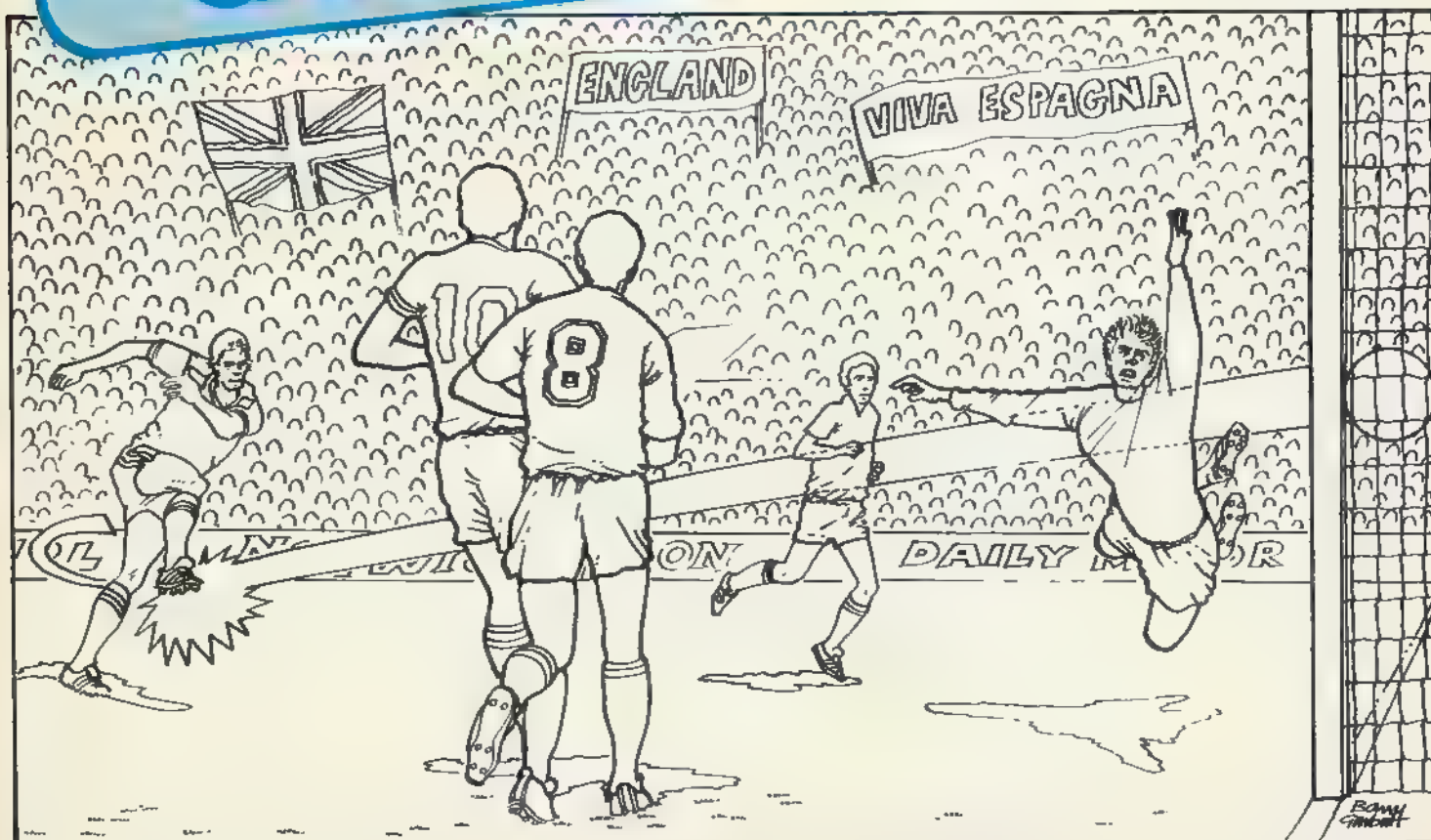
"Of all the goals I scored last season that was the one that gave me the most satisfaction for two reasons.

"Firstly I was playing for England and secondly because the ball fell perfectly for me to hit the shot.

"I was delighted because it was my third goal in five full internationals, but everyone was dismayed with the final result because Spain snatched the winner through Zamora just a minute later."

GOLDEN GOAL

Glenn Hoddle



Here's an action replay of Glenn's goal against Spain . . . why not colour it in with paints, crayons or felt tip pens and create your own Golden Goal.

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RECORD RECEIPTS: £40,684 Aston Villa, FA Cup fifth round, February 16, 1960.
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MOST LEAGUE POINTS: Division Three, 1974-75.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: Division Two, 1954-55.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORE IN A SEASON: Ted Harper, 41 goals, Division One, 1925-26.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Crompton, 41, England.
MOST APPEARANCES: Clayton, 590, 1950-59.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: Tom Briggs, 140, 1952-59.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £357,000 from Leeds United for Kevin Hargreaves, February 1979.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £100,000 to Chelsea for Duncie McKenzie, March 1979.
MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Eddie Hapgood, Will Scott, Jack Bruton, Jackie Bestall, John Carey, Dally Duncan, Jack Marshall, Eddie Quigley, John Carey, Ken Murphy, Gordon Lee, Jim Smith, Jim Riey, John Pickering, Howard Kendall, Bobby Sexton (current).



Confidence in Coventry

WATCH OUT for Coventry — that's my confident prediction for next season.

Many people think they'll be hovering round the relegation zone next term but I believe that under new manager Dave Sexton they'll surprise a few people.

I reckon Dave will turn them into a hardworking First Division outfit who'll be challenging for honours.

My top four for next season reads: Aston Villa, Liverpool, Spurs and Coventry. Everton, Stoke and Notts County will be relegated!

Paul Hawkins, Steeple Aston, Oxon.

I'm still on your side, Ron

ALTHOUGH I live in Scotland, I am English and so, of course, I support England.

And as an England supporter I would just like to express my disgust at the recent criticism fired at Ron Greenwood.

Despite England's spate of so-called disasters, I think he has coped magnificently and his selection of players has been impeccable.

So whatever second-rate commentators like Jimmy Hill say, I would like to say — "Mr Greenwood, I'm on your side".

Jackie Brambles, Ayr.

Blackpool fans so loyal

MAY I through your letters page, thank the Blackpool fans who stood on the east paddocks during last season.

It was a particularly bad season for the club, as you are well aware, having slipped into Division Four for the first time.

However, these supporters showed their undivided loyalty in remaining with the club whose fortune in recent year has taken a nosedive.

Nevertheless, I expect that the same die-hard fans will take to the terraces next season.

They are, in my opinion one of the best bunches of fans in the country and it is worth travelling from Bolton just to be in their presence.

David Greenough, Bolton.

Put up prices, cut the delay

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WINNER**

LAST season clubs were continually appealing to their fans to tender the correct admission money and to arrive at the ground early.

The reason for this was that at most clubs ground admission prices were just under £2 and gatemen were finding difficulty in supplying a constant flow of change, resulting in delays.

The problem increased if there were a lot of late arrivals.

My idea is this. Increase the price of admission from £1.70 or £1.80 to £2 and give each person a programme.

It would speed up the process of entry to the ground and increased programme sales — meaning clubs could gain greater revenue from advertisers in the knowledge that every fan inside the ground would have a programme.

Paul Eldridge, Stanmore, Middlesex.

TERRACE TALK

SEND your letters to Terrace Talk, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough PE1 1UB. We'll pay £2 for each one published with a special prize of £10 for the Star Letter.

Unfair on Altrincham

I AM disgusted that Altrincham failed yet again in their bid for Football League status.

When will these so-called football experts in the Football League appreciate that Altrincham retained the Alliance Premier League as well as winning the League Cup.

They also have a great record in the FA Cup, having reached the third round for the past three years. Halifax had the lowest crowd in

the Football League with 967 for the match with Bournemouth, while Altrincham have been consistently attracting four figure gates.

Halifax are always having to apply for re-election, but they never get voted out.

Not only is it unfair to Altrincham but on all the other non-league clubs.

Andrew Evans, Manchester, M14 6JL.

APPALLED BY WOLVES

WITH Wolves ending the season only just clear of relegation, I am appalled that they have given manager John Barnwell a new three-year contract worth a reported £90,000.

They are worse off financially and in the same position as when he took over two years ago.

Meanwhile, his assistant, Ritchie Barker, a man with an excellent record in management, is allowed to move to another club without the chance to show his mettle in full control at Molineux.

Diane Mason, Essington, Wolverhampton.

OUTRAGED!

Forest ruined by Cloughie

Booked!
£2

BRIAN Clough has ruined a settled and successful Forest side which brought so much silverware to the club's trophy room and so much enjoyment for Forest followers.

Garry Birtles, Martin O'Neill, Tony Woodcock, Frank Gray, Larry Lloyd and Ian Bowyer have all been allowed to leave.

The next one to go should be Clough! N. O'Neill (12), Newry, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

● YOU are the one for the chop — you're booked. Who do you think built the side that brought so much enjoyment and silverware? Brian Clough knows what he's doing.

Liverpool, so boring

Sent off!
£5

I'm outraged about the publicity this magazine gives to Liverpool. They are one of the most boring teams in the League and do not deserve the credit they get.

As for the supporters, they just cause trouble wherever they go. And The Kop can't even sing as they showed in the FA Cup fourth round against Everton last season when they lost.

Publicity for Liverpool should be cut down in this magazine.

Antony Norbury, Southport.

● AHI a spot of jealousy from the blue side of Liverpool. When Everton win the League Cup and European Cup in the same season, then they might receive the same amount of publicity as their Merseyside neighbours. You're sent off!

Luton for the 'Grand Slam'

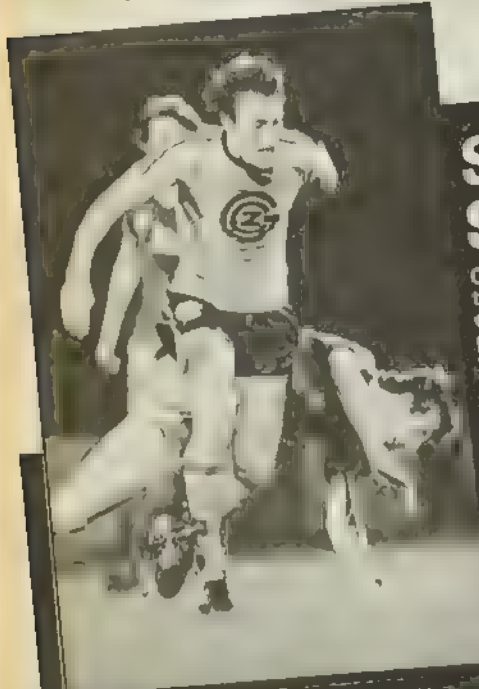
Booked!
£2

I'M outraged that Luton are so underestimated. I think they'll definitely walk away with the Second Division championship next season.

With players of the calibre of Paul Price, Ricky Hill and Brian Stein I think they will also win the FA Cup and the League Cup as well.

Ibrahim Benjelloun, Welwyn Garden City.

● IT'S NEWS to me that Luton are underestimated, but you are worth a booking for outrageous optimism in believing Luton will win so much next season. If they are that good, then they wouldn't be in the Second Division. You're booked.



Sign up SULSER

CLAUDIO Sulser has now taken yet another English defence apart with his power, skill and goalscoring talent.

The 2-1 defeat of England in Switzerland was no fluke. They could not contain the mastery of Sulser who took Nottingham Forest's defence to the cleaners in a European Cup tie for Grasshoppers not so long ago.

Now he has destroyed the best defence England can offer. What about some English club snapping him up and giving us a player to worship?

Phil Norman, Birmingham, Cleveland.

Swiss striker Claudio Sulser should be snapped up by an English club, says Match reader Phil Norman.

Look at LUKIC

I am a Leeds supporter and I think John Lukic should be England's goalkeeper.

I know you might say Ray Clemence should carry on, but any unbiased fan will realise that apart from the fact he is talented, John would be a good investment for the future.

M. Burgess, Windsor, Berks.



John Lukic — England's number one says Mos Burgess.

I AM an Aston Villa fan and would like a pen pal with interesting views on the game who follows my team. Christopher Keogh, 195 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham B23 7SE.

Pen Pals

I COLLECT football programmes and stamps and like all teams. I would like a pal of my own age. James Brooks (13), 20 Clonard Grove, Dublin 4, Southern Ireland.

I WOULD like a boy or girl pen pal who supports Liverpool. I also like modern music. Julie Heyman (13), 25 Keith Road, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

I AM a Crystal Palace supporter and would like a pen pal in Europe of my own age who follows a London team. Stephen Kane (11), Gayhurst, Hopwood Road, Camberwell, London.

MY hobbies are supporting West Ham, swimming and pop music. I am 15-years-old and would like a pen pal of between 17 and 20-years-old. John Hosken, 69 St Georges Road, Hayle, Cornwall.

GOLDEN GOOF

IS John Bond really that hungry for success?

That's the question posed by Match reader M. Hedley of South Shields, Tyne and Wear, who sent in the following 'Golden Goof' he spotted in a newspaper.

Atkinson, meanwhile, has had talks with Jordan to try and resolve his contract in dispute. The big Scot then left for a meeting with Manchester City manager. John Bond, who is prepared to get his £1000-a-week pay demand

TOWN TWOSOMES

Many British towns and cities have not one, but two teams in the first-class football leagues. For example: Dundee, Bristol, Manchester, etc. Can you identify these pairs of clubs (each pair from the same town or city), from the clues given?

- A. 1 They're the Blues
2 In 1888 they were one of the League's original members
B. 1 They play at Dens Park
2 They came third in the Premier Division in 77/78 and 78/79
C. 1 They play at the Hillsborough ground
2 They're the "Blades"
D. 1 The English League's oldest club
2 The Reds from the City Ground
E. 1 They're known as the "Pirates"
2 They play in red, at Ashton Gate
F. 1 The Bairns from Scotland's First Division
2 They're the "Shire" from Firs Park

Answers:
A. Birmingham City, Aston Villa
B. Bristol City, Bristol Rovers
C. Derby County, Sheffield Wednesday
D. Newcastle United, St. James' Park
E. Nottingham Forest, Nottingham City
F. Dundee United, Dundee

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"I told you they were tough!"



"What do you mean obstruction?"

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YES, BUT I WOULDN'T GET TOO EXCITED UNTIL YOU'VE SEEN HIM!



EVERYBODY OUT!



NOTTINGHAM Forest supporter during game: "Shoot Francis, shoot!"

"Fed up Nottingham Forest supporter: "Why shoot Francis, why not shoot the whole lot."

"Malcolm Macleod, Wombourne, West Midlands.

WHY do Newcastle play in a black and white strip?

Because they can't afford a colour one.

John Carson, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.

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Orient's Stan Bowles will be one of the men to fear for Millwall.

New life in the Lions' Den

Spotlight on the League Cup draw

WATCH Millwall go this season . . .

That's the tip from their new defender Alan Slough, snapped up on a free transfer by former Luton team mate Peter Anderson.

And the Lions face an early test of their potential with a first round League Cup clash with London rivals Orient.

"That's going to be a tough start in every sense of the word because they have some very talented players," says the former Fulham and Peterborough skipper.

"With players like Stan Bowles and Peter Taylor around they should provide our young side with a stern test."

It was with Fulham, whom he skippered at Wembley in the 2-0 FA Cup Final defeat by West Ham six years ago, that Alan made his last appearance against Orient . . . and a happy memory he has.

"It was my last home match before joining Peterborough and



New Millwall defender Alan Slough is looking forward to the challenge.

NOT YOU AGAIN!

HULL City, relegated to the Fourth Division last season, will breathe a huge sigh of relief that Mick Harford is no longer spearheading the Lincoln attack.

Last season Harford blasted Hull out of the League Cup with five-goals in the 7-0 two-leg drubbing . . . and the teams have been drawn together again this time.

Harford, who joined Newcastle United midway through last season for £200,000, cracked a hat-trick in the 5-0 first leg win at Hull and then scored both goals in the return at Sincil Bank.

The first round draw has thrown up two other identical ties from last season, with Aldershot and Colchester both looking for revenge.

Fourth Division Aldershot bowed out to Wimbledon, newly-promoted to Division Three, 4-3 on aggregate after winning the home leg 2-0.

Colchester, who face

Gillingham again, lost both legs last season, 2-0 at home and 2-1 at Priestfield.

For Carlisle manager Bob Stokoe, the trip to Fourth Division Bury will be a nostalgic one.

Bob, who led Sunderland to their epic FA Cup Final success eight years ago, was twice in charge of the Lancashire club.

Giantkilling Hornets

SECOND Division Watford went the furthest from the first round in the League Cup last season.

They made it to the quarter-finals — beating Millwall (3-2), Southampton (7-5), Sheffield Wednesday (2-1) and Forest (4-1) on the way — before losing 5-0 in a replay at Coventry following a 2-2 draw at Vicarage Road.

The full draw for the League Cup first round is:

Bury v Carlisle, Tranmere v Burnley, Halifax v Preston, Bradford City v Blackpool, Wigan v Stockport, Huddersfield v Rochdale, Bolton v Oldham, Cardiff v Exeter, Bristol City v Walsall, Chester v Plymouth, Torquay v Newport, Wrexham v Swindon, Bristol Rovers v Crewe, Hereford v Port Vale, Scunthorpe v Mansfield, Doncaster v Chesterfield, Northampton v Hartlepool, Sheffield United v York, Darlington v Rotherham, Lincoln v Hull, Peterborough v Barnsley, Aldershot v Wimbledon, Colchester v Gillingham, Oxford v Brentford, Reading v Charlton, Bournemouth v Fulham, Southend v Portsmouth, Orient v Millwall.

● Matches to be played weeks commencing August 31 and September 14.

we desperately needed points to keep us in the Second Division. We were 6-0 up at half-time and ran out 6-1 winners to escape relegation."

Alan hopes that the youngsters will provide him with a new lease of life at The Den.

"I have had a lot of success in the game and I want some more with Millwall.

"When I trained with them at the end of last season I was very impressed with the standard of the young players.

"With their running power and the experience provided by myself, Peter Anderson and newly-signed Alan West from Luton, then there seems to be no reason why we shouldn't do well.

"I was impressed with Peter Anderson as a player at Luton and I'm sure he will do well as a manager.

"He's not the kind of man to sit around and wait for things to happen. He'll go out of his way to make things happen."

46 WEEKS TO GO...



Scotland, Ireland hopes boosted

THE World Cup qualifying hopes of Scotland and Northern Ireland were given a big boost by Sweden in Group 6.

The Swedes slammed Portugal 3-0 to move into joint second place with Northern Ireland.

Bo Borgesson, Glenn Hysen and Jon Svensson scored the goals to dent Portugal's hopes of splitting the British challenge.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	2	0	6	2	8
N. Ireland	6	2	2	2	5	3	6
Sweden	8	2	2	2	5	5	6
Portugal	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Israel	6	0	3	3	2	8	3

Remaining matches:

September 9, Scotland v Sweden; October 14, Portugal v Sweden, Northern Ireland v Scotland; October 28, Israel v Portugal; November 18, Northern Ireland v Israel, Portugal v Scotland.

★ ★ ★

SPAIN continued their World Cup Final preparations with a 3-1 victory in Mexico, the goals coming from Juanito (2) and Zamora.

★ ★ ★

EGYPT'S bid for a place in Spain has ended in a noisy, packed-house glorious failure.

They needed to win their tie against rivals Morocco in Cairo to qualify. They had lost 1-0 in Casablanca. It was a big, needle game.

A crowd of 100,000 packed the stadium... but Egypt could only draw 0-0 and dreams of 1982 must now be stored away until the qualifiers for 1986 come around to replace them.

★ ★ ★

AUSTRALIA'S World Cup flop against New Zealand — They lost 2-0 — has cost

controversial coach Rudi Gutendorf his job.

The wild West German from Koblenz was forced to resign when New Zealand romped through with an easy 5-0 win against Indonesia leaving Australia virtually KO'd.

Now Gutendorf says he is looking for a job in Europe, probably back in England.

But his players have reportedly warned his methods involve what they called a "30 months reign of terror".



World Cup defender Karl-Heinz Foerster, who has a tremendous record for West Germany.

WEST Germany's World Cup stopper Karl-Heinz Foerster, 23, has a terrific record against opposition strikers.

Only Argentine Ramon Diaz has scored against him... and that's in 26 appearances.

Foerster said after marking Krankl out of the game in Germany's recent 2-0 World Cup win: "He never troubled me and hardly touched the ball." That's confidence!

Durban... 'manager of the year'

MANAGER of the Year... that's the title I'd have pinned on Alan Durban for his efforts last season.

While Ron Saunders and Bobby Robson were understandably the main contenders for the award, managers like Alan deserve some recognition for the relative success they have.

I know Alan from years back, of course, when he was a player under Peter Taylor and I at Derby.

But since then he has made a big name for himself as a manager at Shrewsbury and Stoke and now I hope he's going to carry on the excellent work at Sunderland.

He deserved enormous praise for the job he did at Stoke, where he took them from the Second Division to a respectable place in the First.

He did it on a shoestring too and although he lost the likes of Garth Crooks in the process, it didn't prevent him from overcoming the problems of being with a so-called unfashionable club and establishing them in the top flight.

I've got a lot of admiration for the way a club like Stoke have gone about their business — and that includes the building of a new stand — and I'm sure that



Below: Mark Proctor... a lot of experience with Middlesbrough for a twenty-year-old



Alan has played a major part in their development.

He's bought cut-price players and turned them into established First Division footballers and the emergence of Lee Chapman, who scored 18 goals last season, and Adrian Heath speaks volumes for him.

Now he's gone to Sunderland, who are a bigger club in every sense and one hungry for success.

They will be expecting big things from him and given the chance he might deliver them.



Alan Durban... established Stoke in the top flight

Brian CLOUGH

FOREST'S CONTROVERSIAL BOSS WRITES FOR YOU

Why I want Proctor

AT THE end of this month I hope to complete the signing of Mark Proctor from Middlesbrough to give us more experience in midfield.

And when you consider that Mark is only 20 that's saying something for the age of our midfield last season.

You will remember that with Ian Bowyer and Martin O'Neill leaving and John McGovern injured, we had Colin Walsh, aged 18, Gary Mills (19) and Stuart Gray (20) holding us together in that department for a long spell.

By their standards, Mark is in the "veteran" class considering the experience he has had with Middlesbrough.

He tells me he has played for Middlesbrough's first team about 130 times and for a young man of 20 that is a lot of experience.

But there is no doubt that he

still has things to find out about in the game and I hope we can help him do that at Nottingham Forest in the coming years.

I first came across him when he was a member of the England youth squad and I was manager (it seems a long time ago now) and he impressed me then.

He and Craig Johnston seemed to develop a partnership together at Middlesbrough and it's no secret that I showed an interest in Johnston before he decided to sign for Liverpool.

Now, although we are having a few problems agreeing on a fee with Middlesbrough, I hope we get young Mark to join us and give us a little bit extra in midfield.

He wants to get on and win things in the game... and in addition to both of us coming from Middlesbrough, that's something else we've got in common.



Raimondo Ponte... moved to French Cup winners Bastia.

I owe Ponte an apology

IN SOME ways I was sorry to see Raimondo Ponte leave us at Nottingham Forest to start a new career for himself in French football with the Corsican club Bastia.

After 12 months in English football — and with me — it's fair to say that the demands of our game were a little bit too much for him.

But he's owed an apology from me because he was signed as a

replacement for Archie Gemmill to play on the left side of midfield and, for various reasons, he never got the chance to have an extended run there.

The kind of season we had last season made it impossible to give him the amount of time he needed to try and establish himself. Had he joined me when he was a bit younger it might have been a different story.

But there were no hard feelings and I hope that he has the success he is looking for in Corsica.

NEXT WEEK

GLENN HODDLE brings you another of his exclusive columns.

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● The X-tremely difficult task of finding a galaXY of stars to suit the letter X... however, how about X-tra-time, X-hibition matches, player X-change deals, X-plosive shooting, X-certificate tackles, X-eter City and those little Xs you mark on your coupon! Y not?

● The letter Y meanwhile conjures many X-amples, such as Wales' World Cup skipper Terry YORATH, the former Leeds, Coventry and Spurs skipper now carving out a new future with Vancouver Whitecaps in Canada.

● YUGOSLAVIA, a top rate soccer nation who competed in the first World Cup in 1930 and are tipped to join Italy from Group Five in the 1982 finals in Spain, hoping to emulate at least their 4th place in the 1962 finals.

● YOUTH football, which produces our stars of the future especially through the FA YOUTH Cup, currently held by West Ham.

● English football's Yugoslav stars including Ivan Golac

(Southampton), Peter Borota (Chelsea) and Nikki Jovanovic (Man Utd).

● YORK City, the last Football League club, whose highest place finished was 15th in Division Two in 1975 having reached the FA Cup semi-finals 20 years earlier.

Y is for... Leicester's Scottish striker Alan Young (right).

Y is for... Willie Young, in action here for Arsenal against Manchester United (below).

A to Z of soccer



Did you know...

● That 1955-56 was the only season in which all the relegated Division One clubs and promoted Division Two clubs were in the same county — YORKSHIRE. Huddersfield Town and Sheffield United went down and Leeds United and Sheffield Wednesday replaced them.

● Former Scottish international centre-half Ron YEATS ranks as one of very few players ever sent off twice in any of the F.A. Cup "big" rounds — with Liverpool v. Arsenal (fifth) in February, 1964, and Tranmere Rovers v. Stoke City (fourth) in February, 1972.

● YEOVIL Town's postwar managers have been Alec Stock, who later managed Q.P.R., Luton, Fulham and Bournemouth, Ron Saunders, who managed Oxford United, Norwich City, Manchester City and now Aston Villa, Basil Hayward (Gillingham), Glyn Davies (Swansea) and Norman Dodgin (Barrow and Oldham Athletic).

